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Subject: Clarification of HSS 124.14(3)(a)14, Discharge Summary Requirements

This is to announce a clarification of HSS 124.14(3)(a)14, discharge summary requirements, on short-term stays as defined by HCFA, as being a patient stay of less than 48 hours. This clarification is necessary to update HSS 124 to reflect current conditions of practice for Wisconsin licensed hospitals.

Henceforth, the Bureau of Quality Compliance will accept a medical record which includes the final diagnosis, the reason for hospitalization, the significant findings, the procedures performed, the condition of the patient on discharge and any specific instructions given the patient and/or the family as meeting the intent of a discharge summary for those patients with short-term stays of under 48 hours.

Please contact Stephen D. Schlough, P.E., Chief, Hospital and Health Services Section, at (608) 266-3878 if you have any questions.

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